

December 9, 2009

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting on this date at the Stonington Police Station at 7:00 p.m. Present were First Selectman Edward Haberek, Selectman George Crouse and Selectman Glee McAnanly. Also present were members of the public.

(1) Call to Order

Mr. Haberek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

(2) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to accept the November 18, 2009 minutes as distributed. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to accept the November 20, 2009 minutes as distributed.

(3) Comments from the Public

- Mr. Vincent Faulise asked about the tree situation on No. Main Street and also if there would be any State funding because it is a State road.

(4) Correspondence

- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Maryann Bessette regarding her interest in being reappointed to the Commission on Aging.
- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Dave Carreau, Chairman of the Mystic Harbor Management Commission indicating that Fred Allard, Richard Lotz and John Lee would like to be reappointed to the MHMC.
- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Blunt White, Chairman of the Economic Development Commission to Tony Lee expressing his thanks for Mr. Lee's long term commitment to the community upon Mr. Lee's retirement.
- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Blunt White regarding his recommendation to appoint Dan Barber as an alternate to the Economic Development Commission and moving Wendy Bury from an alternate position to a full member.

(5) Appointments/Reappointments

Inland Wetlands Commission

- a. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to appoint Alisa Morrison from a full member to an alternate member of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission as requested in her e-mail under date of December 5, 2009.
- b. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to appoint Nathaniel Trumbull as a full member of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission as requested in his e-mail under date of December 7, 2009.

Stonington Commission on Aging

- a. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to reappoint Betty Croteau to the Stonington Commission on Aging as requested in her letter under date of September 9, 2009.
- b. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to reappoint Karen Hawthorne to the Stonington Commission on Aging as requested in her letter under date of November 4, 2009.

Stonington Housing Authority

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to appoint James Kelley to the Stonington Housing Authority as requested in his letter under date of November 11, 2009.

Police Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Haberek, seconded by Mr. Crouse and voted 2-1 in favor of appointing Frank Pucci to the Police Commission. Mrs. McAnanly voted against the appointment.

Discussion: Mr. Crouse stated that all four candidates were awesome but he goes along with Mr. Haberek that Mr. Pucci's Marshal experience was the deciding factor. Mr. Haberek stated that he wanted to echo what Mr. Crouse said that they had a tremendous amount of candidates and this is one the of the most difficult choices for the Board of Selectmen because there always are tremendous candidates that want to serve and it is a very important position on the Town. Mrs. McAnanly stated that what is nice is that we have choices and we need choices when we are serving our community so she was very glad that we've got that. She further stated that her choice may differ with the Selectmen's choice of who she would vote for and that she would vote for Steve Bessette.

Planning & Zoning Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Haberek, seconded by Mr. Crouse and voted unanimously to appoint A. Gardner Young as an alternate on the PZC.

Discussion: Mr. Haberek stated that he had just learned that Joseph Selinger was again interested in being considered as alternate for the PZC. In light of that, Mr. Haberek tabled the last selection to the PZC until the next Board of Selectmen's meeting since there are three candidates left to be decided on.

(6) Old Business

October 28, 2009 Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mr. Haberek and voted 2-1 to accept the October 28, 2009 minutes as distributed. Mrs. McAnanly abstained.

Animal Shelter

Chief Darren Stewart spoke with regard to the condition of the animal shelter and gave an update as to what repairs were going to be made. Mr. Haberek stated that the roof and the facial boards are the priority to make sure that there are no leaks and the next issues are windows, gutters, insulation, dry wall and a heating and cooling system. Mr. Haberek also stated that the Chief and the Captain are in the process of putting a washer and dryer in there and replacing the sink. Mr. Haberek further stated that the biggest thing is that he wanted to keep the public abreast about what is going and that we are moving forward. There was further discussion between Mr. Haberek, Chief Stewart, Captain Desmond, Selectman Crouse and Ms. Fran O'Neil.

New Business

2010 Small Cities Community Development Program

Mr. Haberek presented the Selectman with a letter from George Sylvestre, Director of Administrative Services with regard a Request for Proposal that was recently solicited for qualified firms or individuals to provide professional and technical services to prepare a 2010 Small Cities Community Development Program application and provide administrative and

technical support to implement related activities, including program income during the contract period. Proposals were received from L. Wagner & Associates and Robert Bessette d/b/a RJB Associates. A motion was made by Mr. Haberek, seconded by Mr. Crouse and voted unanimously to select L. Wagner & Associates.

Discussion: Mrs. McAnanly stated that she talked with George Sylvestre and that was who his recommendation was.

Pawcatuck Lions Club Road Race

Mr. Haberek presented an Application for Use of Town Property from the Pawcatuck Lions Club requested permission to use Donahue Park for their Road Race that will take place on May 1, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to allow the use of Donahue Park.

(7) Comments from the Public

- Mr. David Smallridge asked what the main goal for the Small City Development Program is.
- Ms. Robynne Madison asked if the fire alarm system would be rolled into this grant.
- Ms. O'Neil stated that when Edith K. Richmond was set up it had regular maintenance programs and she wanted to know what happened.
- Mrs. Tracy Swain said that prior to the election she inquired as to the ownership of Edith K. Richmond and found that the Town does not own Edith K. Richmond and that the Stonington Housing Authority does. She feels that since the Board of Selectmen appoint members to sit on this board that they should replace all five members.
- There was further discussion between Mr. Haberek, Ms. Fran O'Neil and Chief Stewart regarding Edith K. Richmond.
- Gail Shea asked if the Housing Authority oversees the Edith K. Richmond or do they have other facilities. Ms. Shea stated that it is very serious if there haven't been minutes for 4 years. Ms. Shea also asked how many people are on it and what their appointments are.
- Ms. Shea, Chief Stewart, Captain Desmond and Mrs. Swain discussed the animal shelter.
- Ms. Shea asked who the PZC candidates were. Ms. Shea stated that she was confused as to Rob Marseglia. She thought Rob as of August 31st had completed his term as an alternate. She thought he completed two full terms.
- Ms. Joyce Ballou stated that she thought the Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Plan was on the agenda but she didn't see it.
- Mrs. Swain, Chief Stewart and Captain Desmond talked about the flashing lights on West Broad Street and who is responsible for payment of the bill.
- Mr. Bill Sternberg spoke about the animal shelter and how Stonington has a long history of neglecting its infrastructure. He stated the Town has trouble passing budgets because people don't want to spend money now they want to not worry about it.
- Ms. O'Neil stated that the Christmas lights are on but the trees aren't cut and there aren't wreaths on all of the trees. She asked why Mystic is getting more stimulus money and not Pawcatuck. She further commented that the flag over the Veteran's Memorial was not at half mass on Pearl Harbor Day.

(8) Projects Update

Mr. Haberek updated the Selectmen and the members of the public on various projects including the Pawcatuck Streetscape, paving, South Pier, Town Dock Ice Machine, Donahue Park, Mystic Streetscape and the Senior Center.

(9) Comments from the Selectmen

- Mr. Haberek asked the Selectmen their thoughts about what would be the next step regarding the Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Plan. He asked if they wanted to do another public work shop or if they wanted to send it to Town Meeting. Both Mr. Crouse and Mrs. McAnanly agreed that another workshop would be helpful.
- Ms. Joyce Ballou stated that there have been so many public hearings that it doesn't need another forum and suggested the Selectmen come to one of their meetings with any of their input. She further stated that they have addressed all of the issues brought to them by the public and if the new Selectmen have questions, they would be more than happy to have them come to one of their meetings.
- Mr. Sternberg stated that you cannot have three Selectmen or even two attend a public meeting without sitting as the Board of Selectmen.
- Mr. Haberek stated that they could have a Pawcatuck River Harbor Management and Board of Selectmen joint meeting.
- Ms. Shea stated that she wanted to comment on a point that Ms. Ballou brought up that they have had so many workshops and have taken the public's comments into account. Ms. Shea stated that she has to dispute that. Ms. Shea thinks it's very important to have another workshop on this and to make it clear what version we would be commenting on.
- Ms. Ballou stated that the only issue that they have had is that it has been going on for so many months now. The renewal applications for moorings go out in December and they have been having the Harbor Master hold off on doing that.
- Mr. Haberek stated that he would send an e-mail over to Scott Dilley to see if a joint meeting could be scheduled whenever it is convenient.
- Ms. Shea asked if the public would be noticed on this and if copies would be made available.
- Mr. Haberek stated that he was in Hartford today and today was the appropriations meeting about the budget cuts. Right now there has been talk that 3% of all municipal budgets will be cut. The State budget deficit is \$549,000,000 but it could actually go up much more because of the employment rate, income tax and the relatively quiet Christmas shopping season. Right now they are still deliberating whether 3% of the municipal budgets will be cut throughout the State.
- Mr. Crouse, Mr. Haberek and Mrs. McAnanly discussed whether a BOS meeting should take place on the 23rd and it was decided that the Board would meet on the 23rd.
- Ms. Ballou, Mr. Haberek, Mr. Crouse, Mrs. McAnanly and Ms. Shea further discussed the Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Plan and scheduling a joint meeting.

(10)Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Bell
Recording Secretary